



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS.

Councillors: M Peart (Chair), D Nicholson (Vice-Chair), RA Baker, BW Elliott, D Johnson, C Jones, K Nisbet MBE, N Rolls, and D Swinhoe.

Also Present: Cllr TE Elliott, Cllr J Woods.

Officers:

M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), E Brown (Deputy Town Clerk)

Invited Guest(s) – 0

Members of the Public – 1

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors D Campbell, D Carr, B Erskine, and W Ploszaj. J Summers – Events Officer
2	Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation None.
3	Minutes of the previous Community Development Committee None
4	Actions arising from the previous minutes. None.
5	Decision report The Budget Monitoring report to 19 June 2025 was presented. Members noted the easter event donations exceeded expectations.

	Members noted that the Quayside event donations were down; this was due to the fun fair not being in attendance.
6	Decision report Recommendation to Council regarding Committee membership It was RESOLVED to defer this report to the Town Council meeting on 17 July pending proposed governance changes to the Local Area (Planning) Committee structure at Northumberland County Council.
7	Officer Presentation Introduction to Blyth Town Council Events In the Event Officer's absence, the Deputy Town Clerk delivered the presentation on Town Council events, the role of the Events Officer, and the support this role provides to community groups. A copy of the presentation would be made available.
8	Date & Time of next meeting The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 25 September 2025.
9	Part II It was RESOLVED that pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.
10	Deferred Community Grants To note the requested feedback and consider deferred community grant. Members considered the feedback provided by Ashington and District Male Voice Choir. It was RESOLVED not to support the group with a donation towards uniforms; this did not preclude them from submitting further applications for other projects in the future.

The meeting ended 7:25 pm

Members of Community Development Committee

M Peart (Chair)	D Johnson
D Nicholson (Vice Chair)	C Jones
R A Baker	K Nisbet MBE
D Campbell	W Ploszaj
D Carr	N Rolls
B W Elliott	D Swinhoe
B Erskine	